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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 5040**  
Kimito HORIE : Docket No. 2004-0214A  
Serial No. 10/784,287 : Group Art Unit 2819  
Filed February 24, 2004 : Examiner Linh V. Nguyen

DATA COMPRESSING APPARATUS AND  
DATA DECODING APPARATUS

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT**

*Please replace the original specification and abstract with the attached substitute specification and abstract.*